(d) Some vehicles might have added alcohol to petrol during World War II, but with the increasing availability of gasoline, addition of alcohol was discontinued.

Anomalies in MCD property Tax

1652. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the anomalies in property tax collected by M.C.D. as reported in the Times of India of the 3rd February, 1989; and

(b) whether Government would rationalise the property tax law to prevent harassment of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The property tax is being collected as per the provisions of the D.M.C. Act, 1957. However, the Director of Common Cause has taken the matter to the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and a writ petition has also been filed before the Supreme Courts. The matter is Sub-Judice.

Setting up of a Currency Note Printing Press at Shalboni in West Bengal

1653. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position in regard to the setting up of currency note printing press at Shalboni in West Bengal; and

(b) by when the actual construction of the press is going to be started and what will be its estimated cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Detailed Project Report envisaging an estimated project cost of Rs. 723.40 crores has been circulated to appraising agencies for comments to enable Government to take the requisite investment decision. Actual construction of the Press can start only after the investment decision is taken.

Indian Citizenship to Gorkhas

1654. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to grant Indian citizenship to Gorkhas who settled in the country before January 26, 1950;

(b) if so, what is the estimated number of such persons to be entitled to be Indian citizens; and

(c) what will be the fate of those who have settled after that out-off year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As from the commencement of the Constitution, that is, as from 26-1-1950, every person (including a Gorkha) who had his domicile in the territory of India; that is in the territories which on 26-1-1950 became part of or constituted the territory of India as defined in Article 1(2) of the Constitution of India; and—

(i) who was born in the territory of India: or

(ii) either of whose parents was born in the territory of India; or

(iii) who had been ordinarily resident in the territory of India for not less than five years before such commencement.

shall be a citizen of India. Whoever fulfils the Constitutional provisions, ipso facto. becomes an Indian citizen.

(b) No such enumeration has been made in this regard.

(c) Those who did not become Indian citizens under the provisions of the Constitution are treated as foreigners unless they are granted Indian citizenship.

Contribution of big business houses in earning Foreign Exchange

1655. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contribution of big business houses in earning foreign exchange is very low;

(b) what has been their contribution in this respect during the period 1985 to 1988; and

(c) what are the details of incentives being given to them for export promotion during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) According to a study made by Reserve Bank of India on the export performance of 581 large companies, their contribution in earning foreign exchange by exports was lower compared to the small sector over the period 1984-85 to 1988-87.

(b) As per the above mentioned RBI study, the contribution of 581 large companies towards foreign exchange earnings for the period 1984-85 to 1986-87 is as follows:

(Value in Rs. crores)

1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
1280	1383	1340

Information for 1987-88 is not available

(c) Export Policy is common to all categories of exporters. No special dispensation is given for large houses.

FERA violation cases pending in courts

1656. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of FERA violation cases pending in various courts at present; and

(b) what are the names of the companies and individuals against whom such cases are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The number of prosecutions launched under sections 56 and 57 of the F.E.R. Act by the Directorate of Enforcement and pending as on 1-2-1989 in the courts of law are the following:

(1) Under Section 57 — 555 cases.

(2) Under Section 56 — 547 cases.

The names and other details involved are large in number. If the hon'ble Member specifies any particular case in respect of which information is required, the same will be collected and furnished.

Crimes in Delhi

1657. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of crimes committed in Delhi from 1980-81 to 1988-89 yearwise and categorywise; and

(b) the role of the police and the administration in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A Statement is attached (See Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 90.]